Vetchur-Kumarakom Road.

320. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any progress this year in the construction of Vetchur-Kumarakom road;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what progress they have made; and

(*c*) if no progress was made, why this work is indefinitely delayed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Six furlongs are being improved and the work is expected to be completed this year.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

Aravupuzha-Parochal road.

321. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the approximate length of the Aravupuzha Parochal road;

(*b*) whether they are aware that this is one of the oldest roads in the Municipal town of Kottayam; and

(*c*) whether this road is lying in a neglected condition for the last many years?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) ¾ mile.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

Kartikapalli-Panniapally road.

322. *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any provision has been made by the P. W. D. for gravelling and constructing culverts in Kartikapalli-Panniapalli road in Kartikapalli taluk;

(*b*) whether tenders have been invited for the above work;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) above is in the affirmative, the reasons for not accepting any of those tenders;

(*d*) whether any arrangements have been made for the execution of the work; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) above is in the affirmative, whether it will be completed this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the rates asked for are unreasonable.

(*d*) The work has been arranged to be done departmentally.

(*e*) No.

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